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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with King Fahd of
Saudi Arabia

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Fahd
Sandra Charles (notetaker)
Zaki Aslan (State Dept interpreter)

DATE, TIME April 11, 1989; 4:25 pm - 4:45 pm EST
AND PLACE The White House

King Fahd: Hello Mr President. I am happy to speak with you.

President: I am delighted to talk to you. I am very grateful
for your support in Afghanistan. [REDACTED] (b)(1)

King Fahd: I am only delighted to be able to help. We have done
our duty and will do more, God willing. I can assure you
everything will be fine. We will be where you want us to be. I
am happy talking to you.

President: I am happy to talk to you. I would like to discuss
one other thing. I thought you might be interested in my
observations concerning President Mubarak's and Shamir's visits.
If you have a minute, I'd like to tell you about it.

King Fahd: I am happy to hear this, Mr. President. It is kind
of you to do so.

President: My Administration remains committed to the Peace
Process. We regard 242 and 338 as the basis for negotiations.
This involves an exchange of territory for peace. I want you to
know I am not backing away from that position.

King Fahd: This is a great stance. I wish you success in this
endeavor. As for us, we are ready to help in every field
possible.

President: We may have some differences regarding elections on
the West Bank. We believe they offer potential for a dialogue
between Israel and the Palestinians. I hope you saw Secretary
Baker's statement of two weeks ago and my statement on the

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occupation. I believe we laid down some markers there. There might be some room on elections -- if the parties agree to go forward, if they are free, fair and all participate. If you have any differences, I would like to hear from you, and on where we go from there.

King Fahd: All I want to say is that in any undertaking there are problems and obstacles. This matter has taken decades, years to understand. I am sure all these problems will find a solution with your wisdom. As long as you have adopted this problem, you will find a solution. We are sure and we are confident of your direction, that it is the right direction. I support you 100 percent. Another thing I want to mention is the atmosphere in the region is good, there is an opening, detente. Things are moving in a positive direction. If I have concerns, I will not hesitate; if I think of anything, I will communicate with you right away. (phone disconnected)

(phone reconnected) Let me reiterate Mr. President, anything we can do from our side, we are happy to do and we will stay in constant touch.

President: That is very helpful. I hope you will do so. I have great respect for you. Please convey the friendship I have in my heart not only for you but to Crown Prince Abdullah who was here.

King Fahd: Thank you for your greetings to Abdullah. I will pass them to him. Thank you for your call. Can we announce this call publicly?

President: I would be delighted if you do. Your spokesman should convey that it was driven by my official, personal respect for you.

King Fahd: What I have in mind is to say that there was a call between me and the American President. We talked about issues in general, issues that are good for the world, and for the success of mutual endeavors.

President: Good. I will instruct Fitzwater to use the same lines.

King Fahd: Good. Thanks.

President: Goodbye. I hope our paths cross before too long.

King Fahd: God willing. I hope so too.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with King Hussein of Jordan

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Hussein
Sandra Charles (notetaker)

DATE, TIME April 12, 1989; 07:19 a.m. - 07:24 a.m. EST
AND PLACE The White House

King Hussein: It is lovely to hear from you. I am happy you called.

President: I am happy to talk to you. I just received a report of your meeting with our Ambassador, and I wanted to have a word with you before you arrive here. Before we get into that, I want say how much Barbara and I look forward to having you and Queen Noor here.

King Hussein: Thank you. We are delighted to be coming.

President: Our Ambassador passed on your views from your meeting with him. I can certainly understand your concerns and even the skepticism that you have felt about aspects of the peace process. I understand the difficulties that lie ahead. I am working on this with Brent Scowcroft and Jim Baker, and we realize there are no simple answers. That's why I want to have enough time when you are here to discuss in detail your concerns.

King Hussein: I appreciate that very much.

President: I understand you will be meeting with President Mubarak, is that today?

King Hussein: Yes, in a few hours from now.

President: Tell him I said he could make a great baseball player if he would practice. You know I took him to a baseball game while he was here.

King Hussein: Yes, he told me about it.

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President: It was good, a lot of fun. We had a good visit. I want to fill you in on the details. A couple of markers we mentioned have caused the other party some concern -- Jimmy Baker's statement and my characterization of the West Bank as an occupation. But these are the policy positions of the United States. I hope they help. I appreciate having our Ambassador's readout of your conversation. I am somewhat heartened -- but not naive -- after my meetings with President Mubarak and Shamir.

King Hussein: I hope to get a reading from President Mubarak and the Palestinians.

President: On elections, I want you know we won't endorse anything that hurts Jordan or your position. I hope there will be open-mindedness until we can talk more about it. I realize there are elements in it that neither side likes, but it might be the way to get talks going. There may be some differences with you. That is why, when you are here, I want to take whatever time it takes to talk with you. Not just pleasantries. But you and me alone, or with a few advisors. So I fully understand your position. That's why I am looking forward to your visit and also renewing our friendship, both Barbara and I.

King Hussein: It has been nice talking to you. I am looking forward to my visit, also.

President: Please give my respects to the Queen. Tell her that if there are any friends she wants at the big dinner we are having to let our Embassy know, and we will accommodate her. It will be a homecoming for her so we want her surrounded by friends.

King Hussein: Thank you Mr. President. Good-bye.

President: Good-bye.